

**Third Sunday in Lent  
March 12, 2023—8:30am**



**Grace Lutheran Church**

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**Our Mission Statement:**

We are a community of believers in Christ called to be servants to all people.

Page numbers (p.) are in front half of the hymnal.  
Hymn numbers (#) are in back half of the hymnal.  
Everyone is invited to join in **bolded responses**.  
+ Please stand as you are able.

**+ Gathering +**

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

**Prelude**

"Better One Day"  
*arr. James Koerts*

**+ Confession and Forgiveness**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, who journeys with us these forty days, and sustains us with the gift of grace. **Amen.**

Let us acknowledge before God and one another our need for repentance and God's mercy

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Holy God, **we confess to you our faults and failings. Too often we neglect and do not trust your holy word; we take for ourselves instead of giving to others; we spoil rather than steward your creation; we cause hurt though you call us to heal; we choose fear over compassion. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, as we seek to follow in your way of life. Amen.**

Hear the good news: God so loved the world that God gave the only Son, so that all may receive life. This promise is for you! God embraces you with divine mercy, ✝ forgives you in Christ's name, and revives you in the Spirit's power. **Amen.**

**+ Gathering Song**

“Beautiful Things”

All this pain, I wonder if I'll ever find my way  
I wonder if my life could really change at all

All this earth, could all that is lost ever be found  
Could a garden come up from this ground at all

**Refrain:** You make beautiful things  
You make beautiful things out of the dust  
You make beautiful things  
You make beautiful things out of us

All around, hope is springing up from this old ground  
Out of chaos life is being found in You

You make me new, You are making me new  
You make me new, You are making me new

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**+ Prayer of the Day**

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**+ Word +**  
*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

**Bell Choir**

“Blessed Assurance”  
*arr. by Jason W. Krug*

**First Reading**

Exodus 17:1-17

**Second Reading**

Romans 5:1-11

**+ Gospel Acclamation**

Re - turn to God with all your heart, the Source of grace and

mer-cy; Come, seek the ten-der faith-ful-ness of God.

*Optional Repeat*

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**+ Gospel Reading**

John 4:5-42

**Young at Heart Message & Sermon**

The Rev. Leslie D. Weber

**+ Song of the Day**

"As the Deer"

As the deer panteth for the water, so my soul longeth after Thee.  
You alone are my heart's desire and I long to worship Thee.

**Refrain:** You alone are my strength, my shield.  
To You alone may my spirit yield.  
You alone are my heart's desire and I long to worship  
Thee.

You're my friend and You are my brother, even though You are a King.  
I love You more than any other, so much more than anything.

I want You more than gold or silver; only You can satisfy.  
You alone are the real joy giver and the apple of my eye.

You alone are my heart's desire and I long to worship Thee.

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**+ Nicene Creed**

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**+ Prayers of Intercession**

sung refrain: "Sanctuary"

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true.  
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.

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**+ Peace**

**+Meal+**  
*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

**Offering**

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**+ Offering Prayer**

**+ Great Thanksgiving**

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**+ Thanksgiving at the Table**

**+ Lord's Prayer** *(sung)*

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**+ Invitation to Communion**

**Notes about Communion Distribution at Grace**  
*When we're gathered around the table, there is enough food, drink, blessing, space and time for all to share in Holy Communion! GLC practices Eucharistic hospitality since we trust that God welcomes all who come to the table where Christ is both host and meal.  
Wine (red) and grape juice (white) are distributed in individual cups. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.  
If you prefer to stay in the pew, there are prepackaged kits (wine, juice, and gluten free options) available at the sanctuary doors. If you prefer not to receive the wafer and wine/grape juice, you may kneel or stand at the rail with arms folded across your chest to receive a blessing.*

# Communion Song

## Bread for the Journey



1, 5 Give us bread for the jour - ney, give us bread.  
2 Guide our way as we trav - el, guide our way.  
3 Make us one with each oth - er, make us one.  
4 Lead us home to the gar - den, lead us home.



Give us bread for the jour - ney, give us bread.  
Guide our way as we trav - el, guide our way.  
Make us one with each oth - er, make us one.  
Lead us home to the gar - den, lead us home;



When our legs are get - ting heav - y, and we're hang - ing down our heads,  
With so ma - ny roads be - fore us, where to go is hard to say.  
All the walls we've built a - round us: may we learn to tear them down.  
where we'll live with all cre - a - tion, find our place and nev - er roam.



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Guide our way as we trav - el, guide our way.  
Make us one with each oth - er, make us one.  
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Music: BREAD FOR THE JOURNEY, Bret Hesla

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**+Sending+**

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

**Blessing**

**Announcements**

**+ Sending Song**

“King of My Heart”

Let the King of my heart be the mountain where I run  
The fountain I drink from, oh He is my song  
Let the King of my heart be the shadow where I hide  
The ransom for my life, oh He is my song

**Refrain:** You are good, good, oh; you are good, good, oh.  
You are good, good, oh; you are good, good, oh.

Let the King of my heart be the wind inside my sails  
The anchor in the waves, oh He is my song  
Let the King of my heart be the fire inside my veins  
The echo of my days, oh He is my song

You're never gonna let, never gonna let me down.  
You're never gonna let, never gonna let me down.  
You're never gonna let, never gonna let me down.  
You're never gonna let, never gonna let me down.

When the night is holding on to me, God is holding on.  
When the night is holding on to me, God is holding on.

Mark McMillan | Sarah McMillan

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**+ Dismissal**

Go in peace. Remember the poor. **Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude**

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